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Important obligations [Fig. 47 appears here] of the men -- carried out jointly in the bachelors' house (1) and therefore not

1. For Vanikoro: Gaimard in D'Urville, pp. 355 f; Lesson, Revue d'Anthropologie, V, p. 267.

to be designated as domestic work in Bücher's sense -- are the making of weapons and ornaments, chiefly, however, weaving and probably also plaiting (2). To begin with the latter, besides

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2. Joest in Baessler, p. 381.

mats for sleeping and sitting (Figs. 48 and 49) (3) made of strips

3. Cf. p. 35.

of pandanus leaves in single-mesh work with the edges finished off by simply plaiting in the ends perpendicularly (Fig. 48), various types of bags are also plaited (4). Here the material is also

4. Dalrymple, p. 194, mentions only "bags and pockets of palm" [cited in English], but that is probably only an inexact statement.

often pandanus, as, for example, in the first type of the pouch-bag. In this case the plaiting begins with the bottom, which is made as a rectangular, single-mesh plaiting of varying size. When the desired size of the bottom piece is reached, the insertion of new strips ceases and the strips that have all been running in the same direction are likewise plaited in single-mesh perpendicularly into the finished web, starting from the center. [Fig. 48 appears here.] The border is secured in two ways: by plaiting in reverse, and by plaiting two or more strands along the border somewhat below the actual edge. At four equidistant points along the border, the [120]